GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3198
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been allocated for providing financial assistance to the poor patients in Central hospitals, super speciality health institutes like All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Safdarjung Hospital etc. during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years till date; and

(d) the details of the amount spent out of the allocated amount by the each hospital and Institute?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Under the scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (formerly National Illness Assistance Fund)financial assistance is provided to patients who are living below poverty line and are suffering from major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment in Government Hospitals.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed.

ANNEXURE

Year	Amount allocated under the Budget (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-2001	50.00	30.00
2001-2002	30.00	30.00
2002-2003	30.00	30.00
2003-2004 (upto January, 04)	130.00	100.00